



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE  
MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
August 2, 2017**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Maryland Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 10:00 AM, in the Board Room at the Maryland Department of Transportation Headquarters.

**II. Roll Call**

The following individuals were present:

James A. Calderwood, Chair  
Camillo DiCamillo, Member  
Debra Farrar-Dyke, Member  
J. David Lasher, Member  
Jennifer Hill-Leineweber, Member  
Elmer E. Horsey, Member  
Natasha Iheme, Member  
Michael Moore, Member  
Rajan Natarajan, Member  
Frederick C. Payne, Member  
Carol Petzold, Member  
Gary Simpson, Member  
Gregory Snook, Member  
Mario VillaSanta, Member  
MDOT Staff Corey Stottlemeyer  
MDOT Staff Tina Quinichette

Chairman James A. Calderwood called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. to discuss the role of the Maryland Transportation Commission and what efforts the group would like to undertake over the coming year.

**III. Role of the Commission**

Chairman Calderwood asked the members for suggestions on how MTC could expand its service duties to Secretary Pete Rahn in addition to its role of recommending action on facility dedication applications. Members discussed how to add value to the State of Maryland and the Department of Transportation. Members discussed whether the statute should be reexamined.

Some members suggested that for the Commission to be relevant, there needs to be a recognition from MDOT Leadership that the Commission has members with a high level of expertise in transportation and management. Members also felt that the Department could benefit from their expertise and networks, which have not been leveraged effectively.

The members decided to send a letter to Secretary Rahn, asking him to attend a meeting with the Commission to discuss how they may further assist him and MDOT in the future.

#### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

Members reviewed the minutes from the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Ms. Petzold and seconded by Mr. Snook. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **V. Update on INFRA Discretionary Grant**

Mr. Stottlemeyer informed the members that MDOT plans to resubmit the three projects it had submitted for the FASTLANE Discretionary Grant program in 2016 under the new INFRA Discretionary Grant program. Those three projects included the Howard Street Tunnel, Access I-95, and the I-81 Expansion. Priorities for the new program include leveraging local and private sector support and establishment of performance measures. MDOT is requesting an updated letter of support from the Commission.

#### **VI. Better Understanding of Mega-Commuting Patterns**

Mr. Stottlemeyer gave a presentation on mega-commuting patterns and using dark data and analytics to inform policy choices. Maryland is tied for the highest average commute time in the US. MDOT reviewed resident workforces in Charles and Frederick Counties to look for ways to inform local economic development strategies. Members expressed interest in the data.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

Hearing no other items of business, the Commission adjourned at 11:20 AM until the next meeting on September 6, 2017, at MDOT Headquarters.